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with respect to claims 1-22 of the application. See col. 1, line 44-col. 4, line 2 of U.S. Patent 4,440,178; col. 8, line 26-col. 18, line 54 of U.S. Patent 5,683,443; col.1, line 3-col. 6, line 14 of DE 41 12 936 A; and paragraphs 0021-0171 of U.S. 2002/038134 A1.

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